

Planning Support Statement

Use of existing dwellinghouse as a children's home(C3b).

91 Wick Farm Road, Littlehampton, BN17 7HJ



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1.0 Introduction

1.1 This supporting statement is submitted in support of the lawful development certificate proposed use) application for use of 91 Wick Farm Road, Littlehampton, BN17 7HJ as a children's home for 3 young people with a live in carer living together as a single household (Class C3b).

2.0 Site and surrounding area

2.1 The site is located on Wick Farm Road. The permitted use falls within Use Class C3 of the Town and Country Planning Use Classes Order.

2.2 The surrounding area is residential in character and is made up of terraced and semi-detached properties.

3.0 Proposal

3.1 Lawful development certificate (for proposed use) is sought for the use of existing house as a children's home for 3 young people with a live in carer living together as a single household (Class C3b). The total number of residents and carers will not exceed 6.

4.0 Relevant Legislation

4.1 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

5.0 Planning Assessment

5.1 The principal issue to be considered is:

- Whether the proposal comply with the relevant criterion set out in the use Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) order.

5.2 Class C3 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) permits use as a dwellinghouse (whether or not a main residence)
by:

- a) A single person or by people to be regarded as forming a single household;
- b) Not more than six residents living together as a single household where care is provided for residents; or
- c) Not more than six residents living together as a single household where no care is provided to residents (other than use within Class C4)

5.3 The proposal is for use as a residential home for no more than 3 children with learning disabilities or mental health issues living together as a single household receiving care from a live-in carer (resident carer). The live-in carer would be there at all time.

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5.4 The proposed use of the premises would be within the concept of a single household, in that there would be no more than 6 people (including the live-in carer) living together sharing the same facilities.

5.5 All meals would be prepared on the premises and the children, together with the resident carer, will eat together as a family unit.

5.6 Their carer would always be there to provide support and care using a person centered approach in the least intrusive way.

5.7 This level of care provided would be low. There would be a non-resident carer who assist the resident carer in his duties as the head of the household. The number of visits by the non-resident care worker would be four over a seven-day period. The number of social worker/clinician visits would be about four a month. These low frequency of shift changes and other visits would not alter the character balance of the use and the way its occupants interact with one and another as a single household.

5.8 Given the level of care involved, the low frequency of visits by non-resident carers who stay overnight and work a shift pattern with the resident carer who guide and look after the resident children, the proposed use would constitute a single household and thereby falls within Class C3 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).

6.0 Conclusion

6.1 The proposal falls within Class C3 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended). Therefore, there should be no objection to granting of certificate of lawfulness for the proposed use.

